

Elaine Suranie

Elaine Suranie works full time as a critical care respiratory therapist at Olive View-UCLA county hospital. She spent three years teaching ventilator management classes to nurses and five years as a featured speaker for the Lung Association's Better Breathers Clubs. She worked in Christian television from 1974 to the mid 1995. For four years she wrote and co-hosted a live Saturday morning children's show called, *Kids Praise The Lord*, for Trinity Broadcasting Network, then later spent several years co-producing Lloyd John Ogilvie's Sunday show, *Let God Love You*, until he was appointed Chaplain of the United States Senate in 1995. She has written, directed, and/or acted in several stage productions in Hollywood, has studied acting with Lucille Ball, Shelly Winters, Martin Landau and Salome Jens. She co-produced the stage version of, *The Arcata Promise*, directed by and starring, Anthony Hopkins, was the assistant director of the Emmy winning ABC children's special, *Peter and The Wolf*, and in 1999 she co-produced a concert and video tribute to NASA and JPL at The Hollywood Bowl entitled, *From The Bowl to the Moon!* For the 2004 World AIDS DAY she was featured in the television special, *Here to Remember*, reflecting on memories of her brother, Henry. She has taught seminars on coping with stress, seeking spiritual connection, and acting. Elaine was a founding board member for the Catholic, *Bridge Awards*, given for honoring diversity in community and a five year board member of FCAME, *Fellowship of Christians in Arts, Media, and Entertainment*. She is a founding member of the Gay Polo League-Los Angeles Chapter, is an active public speaker for GLIDE - *Gays and Lesbians Initiating Dialogue for Equality*, and she has a short story entitled, *The Good Girl*, published in Katherine Martin's book, *Women of Spirit*. Her favorite quote: "The truth will set you free, but first it'll really piss you off..."